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First Named Inventor Dagmar Beyerlein  
Examiner Name Benjamin Huh  
Art Unit 3767  
Attorney Docket No. 05618.P3653X

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**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description****Large Entity      Small Entity****Fee      Fee      Fee      Fee****Code      (\$)      Code      (\$)      Fee Description**

1202      50      2202      25      Each claim over 20

1201      200      2201      100      Each independent claim over 3

1203      360      2203      180      Multiple dependent claims, if not paid

1204      200      2204      100      Reissue: each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

1205      50      2205      25      Reissue: each independent claim more than in the original patent

**Extra Claims****Fee****Fees Paid (\$)****Total Claims** \_\_\_\_\_ - 20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Independent Claims** \_\_\_\_\_ - 3 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_

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X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple Dependent Claims** \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00****3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

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50 or fraction thereof****Fee from  
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**Large Entity****Small Entity****Fee      Fee      Fee      Fee****Code      (\$)      Code      (\$)      Fee Description: Application size fee for each additional group of 50 sheets****beyond initial 100 sheets (count spec & drawings except sequences & program listings):**

1081      250      2081      125      Utility

1082      250      2082      125      Design

1083      250      2083      125      Plant

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**SUBTOTAL (3) \$ 0.00**

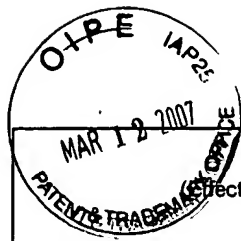
**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****4. OTHER FEE(S)**

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| <u>Large Entity</u>  |          | <u>Small Entity</u> |          |  |                  |
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DETECTING TISSUE CONTACT AND  
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USING STATIC FLUID PRESSURE  
MEASUREMENTS

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Respectfully submitted,

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

## STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

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|                    |                       | US-                                      | 5,425,376 | 06/20/1995                     | Banys et al.                                       |  |
|                    |                       | US-                                      | 5,551,427 | 09/03/1996                     | Altman, Peter A                                    |  |
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|                    |                       | US-                                      | 5,941,868 | 08/24/1999                     | Kaplan et al.                                      |  |
|                    |                       | US-                                      | 5,964,757 | 10/12/1999                     | Ponzi  |  |
|                    |                       | US-                                      | 6,030,377 | 02/29/2000                     | Linhares et al.                                    |  |
|                    |                       | US-                                      | 6,102,887 | 08/15/2000                     | Peter A. Altman, et al.                            |  |
|                    |                       | US-                                      | 6,620,139 | 09/16/2003                     | Plicchi et al.                                     |  |
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